

Griff Has Two Promising Lads
To Replace Harper On Mound

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Zachary and Courtney Appear
To Be First Class Left Handers

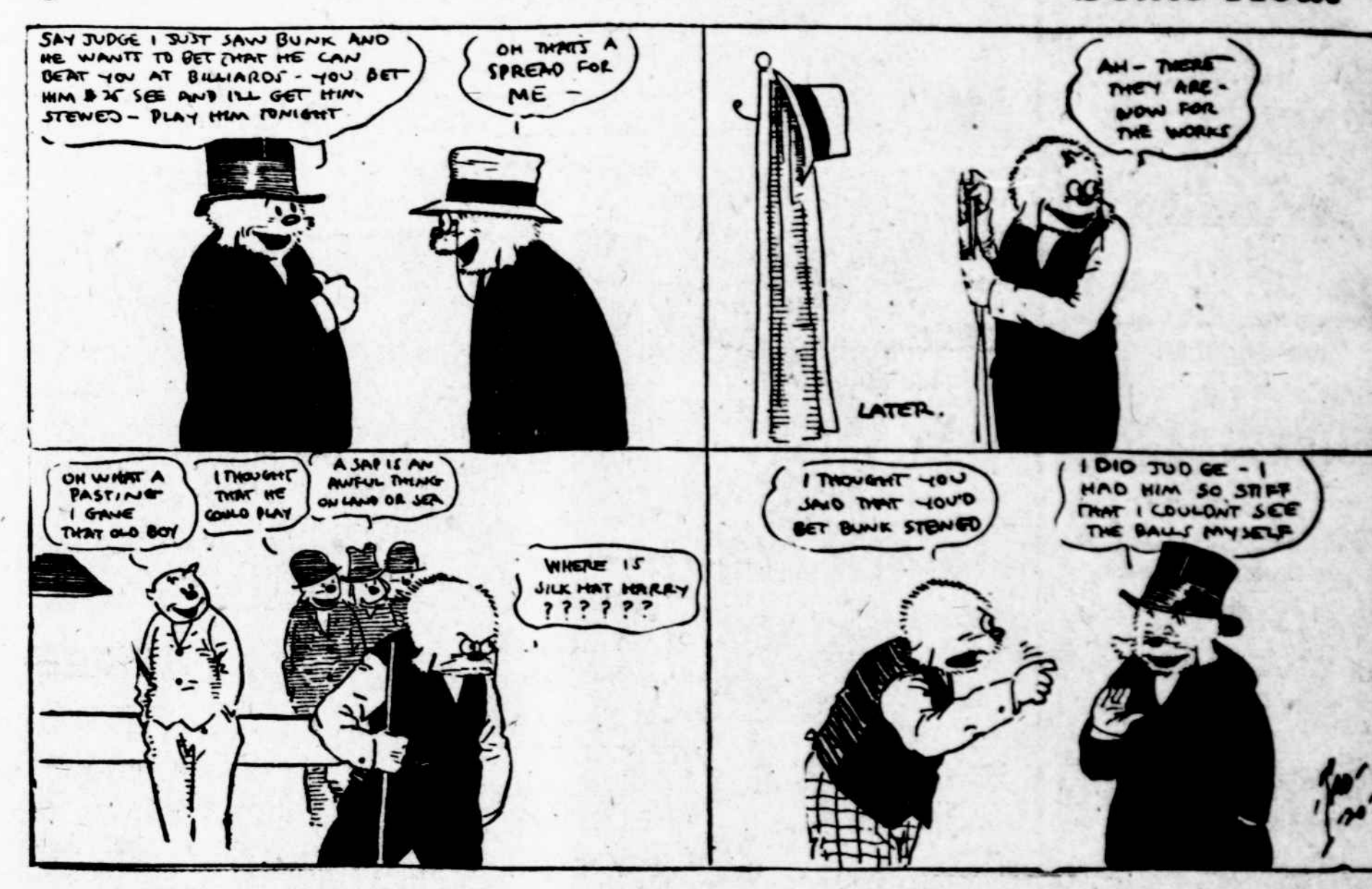
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Some Heat



LOOKING 'EM OVER

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Even if Clark Griffith fails to land a southpaw pitcher to replace Tootie Harper for the coming campaign, the Griffmen will still have a couple of likely youngsters in Jezebel Tecumseh Zachary and Harry Courtney. Certainly either one should be at least as valuable as the backless Horror proved himself to be last season. Harper had everything warming up and absolutely nothing when it came to stamping upon the well-known rubber.

There were times last year when Zachary looked like a regular urler. He got chances in some seventeen games and, though showing unmistakable signs of greenness, the big fellow was good enough to earn a more complete trial next spring. He is a mere youth in years, though a giant in stature, and with the proper coaching should develop whatever ability he has. It is certain that Clark Griffith will take a good look at this youngster at Tampa, knowing the necessity of having at least one capable southpaw to mix in with his right-handers.

Reporting almost at the tail-end of the campaign, Courtney made an excellent showing for a lad doing his first work with the major league ball club. He was wild as a hawk on his opening exhibition, but he had just come off a train and wasn't himself. Hereafter, he showed a fine brand of control, and he should be a valuable asset to the Griffmen. Courtney was much under weight when he reported to the Washington club last September. It is to be expected that, with a winter's rest and light exercise, he should report in the spring close to the 190 mark. If he does that, and can maintain the speed, curves and control he showed last fall, he should speedily become a regular with the Griffmen of 1920.

Southpaws A Necessity.

Southpaws are a necessity in baseball these days. Had the Cleveland Indians possessed a left-hander of more skill than that of Fred Coubie, he club might easily have come out a front for the past two seasons. But Coubie as their lone southpaw, he Indians had to bow their heads before clubs boasting of hard southpaw batmen.

Among the American League's 300 hitters Ty Cobb, Bobby Veach, George Killebrew, Johnny Tobias, Joe Jackson, Eddie Collins, Frank Baker, Babe Ruth, Harry Hooper, Chick Shorten, Doc Johnston, Nemo Leibold, and Larry Gardner all hit from the port side of the platter. Thus it may easily be seen how valuable it is for a ball club to have at least one good left-hander to oppose these kings of the louters.

The Chicago White Sox, champions of 1919, had three dependable pitchers, Clete Williams, and Kerr. Clete alone was a right-hander. The other two proved their worth, especially Williams, though Clete led the Gleason hurling corps in efficiency.

Southpaws Are Prominent.

Of the first dozen or so leading hurlers in the American League Carl Weiland, Herb Thormahlen, Claude Williams, George Mogridge, Herb Pennock, Dutch Leonard, Dick Kerr and Babe Ruth are southpaws. Almost without exception they are of great value to their teams through their ability against the league's leading batmen who hit from the wrong side of the platter.

Clark Griffith should have little difficulty in disposing of Harper. He would be most valuable, of course, to the Cleveland Indians, who lack even one good southpaw. Connie Mack undoubtedly could use him, but without any trading material, Connie's chances are nil. The Yankees have good southpaws in Thormahlen and Mogridge, but could use Harper. The Red Sox have only Pennock, if Babe Ruth remains in the garden, and Harper would look good with the Boston club.

Every pennant-winning ball club

Griffith Now Facing Troubles.

President Clark C. Griffith, of the Washington club, is facing his troubles, if Tilly Huston voices the attitude of the "Three Musketeers" when he says, "I hear Griffith would like to make a deal to get some good ball players. Well, let him make a deal with Ban Johnson."

The Griffmen have been offered Guy Morton, of the Cleveland Indians, in exchange for Harry Harper. So far as known, this is the only trade considered. The Griff could use several of the Boston Red Sox and one or two of the New York Yankees, but if the "Three Musketeers" don't intend talking business with any of Ban Johnson's sympathisers, the Washington club will hardly be strengthened much for the coming campaign.

JOHNNY BASHAM WOULD BOX BRITTON FOR TITLE

The British Welterweight Champion Wants a Chance to Win Greatest Honor.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Johnny Basham, British welterweight champion, wants to meet Jack Britton, the world's champion. He prefers to have the bout staged in this country, but if necessary will go to the United States.

"If Britton will come to England," says W. Mortimer, manager of Basham, "I will guarantee a purse of \$25,000, the winner taking 60 per cent. If Basham should win, I would guarantee a return match in America."

"If the champion does not see fit to come here, we are willing to go to America, provided Britton will guarantee a return match on this side in case he wins."

SEASON NOT OVER SAY FOOTBALL MEN

Crack Players Out After Triangles in Game to Be Staged Christmas Day.

The football season isn't over at all. Not if the Triangle A. C. Players will tackle an All-Star team Christmas Day.

Mohawk A. C., Naval Apprentice and Quenton A. C. players are getting together to play the crack Triangle A. C. lads.

If Manager O'Brien, of the Triangles, is willing to put his lads up against the pick of the three clubs, and will get in touch with T. C. C. Galloway, 647 I street southwest, he will find the All Stars anxious for a holiday battle.

The All-Stars are more than anxious to take on the Triangles. All of the best players of the three independent teams have signified their intention of playing if the game is arranged.

REX LADS CELEBRATE.

Rex Athletic Club players will gather at 8 o'clock tomorrow night at the Monmouth Hotel, 1819 G street northwest, at a banquet to celebrate their football season.

DULIN LANDED SCRAP.

Dulin, this city, knocked out Joe Schenck of St. Paul, in the fifth round of a scheduled eight-round bout in Jersey City Saturday night.

VIRGINIA ANGLES FOR TECH'S COACH

Rumor Has It Heisman May Be At Helm Next Fall With Charlottesville Lads.

John Heisman, many years as coach at Georgia Tech, may be found at Charlottesville, Va., next season. Sounds funny, doesn't it?

The famous coach of the Golden Tornado team, famous for his jump-shift plays, may be football mentor at the University of Virginia if the present dope goes through.

Heisman is signed to a contract to coach the Georgia Tech team for two years more. It was rumored that he desired a change. It is expected that he will be allowed to leave Atlanta if he wants to.

How is Heisman connected at Virginia? Well, the Charlottesville men, suffering from years and years of back-number coaching in employing the graduate system are out for something new in a professional coach.

It is rumored at Virginia that overtures are being made to Heisman to accept a Virginia contract. It is not denied that the Charlottesville men would be delighted to have the famous Georgia Tech coach at the helm in football against the old rivals.

Don't be surprised then if after the holidays are over the announcement comes out at Virginia that Johnny Heisman is to coach Virginia's football team next fall.

CARPENTIER WON'T RUN FOR POLITICAL BERTH

Paris Authorities Would Tax Heavily Battle for World's Title.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—Georges Carpentier, heavyweight champion of Europe, has rejected the offer of his admirers to launch him in French politics in the forthcoming special election to the Chamber of Deputies. The pugilist's manager is taking steps to prevent voters from writing Carpentier's name upon the ballots.

Several members of the Paris municipal council announce their intention of proposing a heavy tax upon the Carpentier-Dempsey bout for the benefit of the poor if it is fought here.

FRANK GARGAN COACHES N. Y. U. ELEVEN IN 1920

Former Hilltop Mentor Makes Good With Mediocre Gridiron Squad.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Frank Gargan, former Fordham football star and later coach at Georgetown and Fordham universities, has been named head coach of the New York University squad for the next two years. As a strong nucleus from this year's team will be on hand next fall, the undergraduates look for a successful eleven.

After graduating at Fordham, Gargan became a coach at Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., but he took charge of his alma mater's squad in 1916. At the close of that season he enlisted in the ambulance service of the French army, later transferring to the dental corps of the American army when the United States took arms against the central powers.

Dr. Gargan announces that he will have assistants "Bull" Lowe, Fordham's great 1916 tackle, and "Bunny" Corcoran, who played wonderful football as an end with Georgetown and Fordham. This season both men played with Jim Thorpe's Canton Bulldogs, professional champions of the country.

BENNY FACES SET-UP.

ATLANTA, Dec. 22.—Benny Leonard, world's lightweight champion, meets a set-up here tonight in Jack Abel. They are carded for ten rounds.

Oregon to Be Watching Mr. Casey.

The fame of Eddie Casey, Harvard's wonder halfback, has preceded him to the Pacific coast, and when the whistle blows to start the game with Oregon it is probable that Casey will find the end and a couple of backs, not to mention the tackles, waiting and watching for him on every play. Oregon has heard much of the Felton to Casey forward pass game of the Crimson, and is said to have built up what it believes to be a formidable defense against it.

MAY SEND CENTRAL LADS INTO MEETS

Bill Foley Says He Has Several Promising Track Candidates in Tow.

Bill Foley, coach of Central's track team, who has lost but one high school track meet here in twenty four years, has one or two promising track candidates who may be campaigned to a considerable extent this season.

The Central coach is rather "cagey" about telling just who he has under cover. It is safe to say, however, that when Foley predicts something of his athletes they are bound to come through.

Foley is known all over the country by the leading track coaches of the country and delights to recount the days of Arthur Duffy, Billy Holland, Bernie Wefers, Maxey Long and the host of worldbeaters he had in tow in the "palmy" days of real sportman and world's record breaker.

The veteran track coach is turning out winners regularly and says he has a few lads who will look good by the time the track season starts.

"I have one or two good boys now who may be sent to New York or Newark or Philadelphia. I am not in favor of running indoors in rubber-soled shoes and if I can find the meets where indoor spikes can be used I am going to campaign a few athletes."

During the past fall Foley has had more than a hundred youngsters taking their work in the big Central stadium. The lads have shaped up pretty well and appear to be ready for harder work indoors.

Central will hold its regular outdoor track meet this spring, at which all of the schools in this section of the country will be invited. The date of May 8 has been selected for the Central games and Foley is expecting to turn out another winning team.

LANDIS IS WILLING.

Judge Keneaw Mountain Landis, the Federal Judge in Chicago, is said to be in a receptive mood regarding that job at the head of the National Commission. However, Ban Johnson refuses to admit he'd like the Judge to handle things instead of bossing them himself through his man Friday, Garry Herrmann.

RUTT WILL TEACH.

Walter Rutt, once famous as a six-day bicycle racer, has been placed in charge of boxing in Germany, the government having decided that whatever made the Americans such winners must be good for the heinies.

MAY TRADE PITCHERS.

Miller Huggins admits that, having so many good pitchers, he will use some of them to land needed speed. He fails to mention just what players he aims to obtain.

EDDIE GRANEY HAS SOMETHING TO SAY

Thinks Old-time Boxers Much Better Than Breed Seen Nowadays.

By TAD.

Eddie Granev, who years ago was official tryout man for the old California Club, takes exception to the claims that the fans of today take all of the old timers. He trained with many, watched others, and handled quite a few. In an interview with Marian Salazar the other day, the "honest blacksmith" spilled the following dope:

Will any man in his right senses argue that O'Dowd would have been anything more than a punching bag for the wonderfully clever Kid McCoy?

What chance, do you suppose, would O'Dowd have stood with Tommy Ryan?

Tommy could have walked up to O'Dowd and stuck his glove down his throat. I doubt very much as a matter of fact that O'Dowd could have stood up six rounds with Philadelphia Jack O'Brien. And O'Brien was not a champion.

Will any man argue that Britton is as good a man as was Joe Walcott? Is he as good a man as was Mysterio Billy Smith?

Who, shifting back to the light heavyweights, have we now that could have whipped Joe Choynski or Jack Root?

Have we any man in that class who could have whipped George Gardner, or even Kid Carter?

He's Stumped Here.

The lightweight class will stump us—as does the heavyweight class. We don't know how Benny Leonard compares with Jack McAuliffe or Kid Lavigne or Frankie Erne or Joe Gans or Battling Nelson.

But Leonard is supreme in his class; there is but one like him; he stands alone, as Jack Dempsey does in his class.

John L. Sullivan, when champion, was not always supreme. At one period of Sullivan's career there were plenty who thought that Frank Slavin could have whipped him.

There are men even now who will argue that Sullivan would have been no match for Peter Jackson.

What has Kilbane that Dixon had not? Dixon, a little featherweight, outboxed Frank Erne, the cleverest lightweight of his day.

Could Kilbane have done that? What about Terry McGovern? Is Kilbane a better fighter than was the ferocious Terry?

And the big middleweights. We had to stop and ask who is the bantamweight champion?

They tell us Pete Herman.

What chance would Pete have stood with Johnny Coulton when Johnny was good—the Coulton of the days before his father died?

No chance—NOT ONE IN A MILLION.

Have Two Great Fighters.

The whole thing simmered down brings us to the concrete fact that we have now but two great fighters—Dempsey and Benny Leonard.

Do the second-rate heavyweights of today, the Fred Fulton, the Frank Morans, the Carl Morris, the Willie Meachans, class with the second-raters of other days, the Tom Sharkeys, the Peter Mahers, the Joe Goddards and the Charley Mitchells?

They talk of Willie Meehan as the most logical opponent for Dempsey. When Jim Jeffries was champion the man who bothered him most was Tom Sharkey.

Just imagine this headline on a poster:

Willie Meehan vs. Tom Sharkey. Twenty Rounds!

Who would you bet on? How would you bet if Willie Meehan were going to fight Joe Choynski twenty rounds?

How about Willie with Joe Goddard or Peter Maher?

Could Willie or any other present day aspirant for the world's heavyweight championship have gone sixty rounds with Peter Jackson?

Yanks Will Land Roth From Red Sox.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Bob Roth, hard-hitting Red Sox outfielder, will tramp one of the gardens for the Yankees next year, according to a semi-official report, which has it that Harry Frazee will turn over the deeds for his dissatisfied player within a few days.

Several other clubs are after Roth, but the close relations between the New York and Boston owners are expected to bring him here.

GALLAUDET GETS READY FOR GAME

Kendall Green Lads to Tackle Silent Five of Hartford, Conn., Saturday.

Gallaudet College basketballs will get ready today at Kendall Green for the big game here Saturday night with the Silent A. C. Five of Hartford, Conn.

The visiting team is captained by "Rock" Rockwell, one of the greatest athletes ever turned out by Gallaudet and is said to be one of the best independent teams in New England.

Coach Jack Haas will get the Gallaudet lads out for a workout today and will keep at it until the Silent Five arrives.

BANNOCKBURN GOLF CLUB NAMES 1920 OFFICIALS

Daniel Hazard, Dr. T. J. W. Brown and J. R. DeFarges Off of Slate

Three Bannockburn Golf Club stand-by officials who have faithfully served the club for many years are missing from the 1920 roster of club officials.

Daniel Hazard, Dr. T. J. W. Brown, and J. R. DeFarges, for many years identified as officials of the club, have voluntarily retired and their names are missing from this year's roster.

At the annual meeting A. E. Fowler was elected as president; Miss Alice B. Sanger, vice president, and Miles Taylor, secretary-treasurer. R. Hayes was elected chairman of the green committee.

WILL MEET TORNADO.

Contrary to earlier reports from Atlanta, the Georgia Tech football eleven will journey once more to Pittsburgh to meet Glen Warner's Panthers on the gridiron in 1920. Pitt is now said to be angling for a game with Dartmouth at the Polo Grounds, New York.

POSTPONES HIS BOUT.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 22.—The proposed ten-round bout between Jimmy Wilde, world's flyweight champion, and Carl Tremaine, of this city, has been postponed from January 1 to January 5 or 6, at the request of the Britishers.

REX TEAM CLOSSES SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Northeast Clubmen Finish Up With a 3 to 0 Win Over Speedy Alexandrians.

Rex Athletic Club, District football champions, wound up a highly successful campaign before a crowd of 1,200 at Union Park yesterday in defeating the Alexandria Dreadnought eleven by a score of 3 to 0.

Just before the close of the first half Harry Harris, captain and quarterback of the Rex team, booted a goal from placement from the twenty-yard mark. It was the only score of the game and was in the nature of a lucky break.

Harris had one other chance to count via the same route, but failed. Rex was outplayed in the first half, but came back strong in the second session. Litkus, W. McDonald, Versteine and Stephens played consistently well on defense.

The lighter Dreadnought team was unable to gain consistently, save at the start of the second half. Efforts to score were successfully blocked. The visitors employed a kicking game, which kept the Rex lads down in their own territory, and Litkus was called upon to boot the ball out of danger four times, when a slip would have made a score for the popular visitors.

The visitors were outwitted and could not display their best football on a slippery field. Dreyfus, J. Wessel and Cornell played first-class football for the Alexandrians.

AMERICAN BOXERS ARE BATTLING IN ENGLAND

Three Will Enter Ring in London and One in Far-away Australia.

On Friday night, Ole England will have her holiday boxing dish and America will have to be content with the leavings that come over in the way of cable news about two popular Yanks who are going to help entertain the Britons.

Johnny Griffiths, the Akron boy, will have a Frenchman for his opponent in the first match—one Francis Charles, a welterweight who learned his trade in the same school that graduated Bob Martin—the army.

On the same card, Pat Moore, pride of Memphis, is to mix it up with Charles Ladoux, the French featherweight champion. The old stand-by, Ted Lewis, who is looked upon almost as an American, is to fight Matt Wells, a fellow countryman.

The same night in Australia, Eddie Wallace, of Brooklyn, is to be used as a trial horse by Lew Edwards, Australian lightweight champion, who is about to take a box for Benny Leonard's inner sanctum.

LARNER AT YALE.

Robert J. Larnier, former Western High athlete, is trying out with the Yale varsity basketball squad. Larnier played basketball at Western on the second team in 1916 and then went to Lawrenceville where he made the team. He was captain of the Yale freshman five last season. William Herron, captain of Western's team last year, is with the Yale freshman team at present.

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